THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to Cd) In accordance with the provisions of the statutes governing the nationalised banks and in accordance with the practices and usages customary among bankers, the information relating to the affairs of individual constituents cannot be divulged. The Bank -lhas, however, reported that the allegation relating to connivance has not been substantiated.

Expenditure on Telecommunication

2689. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total Government expenditure in the field of tele-communications in each of the three years since 1982-83;

(b) the expenditure related to telecommunication separately by departments of telecommunications, electronics railways, defence, space and information and broadcasting and other concerned Government agencies in each of the above three years and that planned for each year of the seventh five year plan;

(c) whether there is any agency in India to coordinate the activities, of these departments and ministries in the matter of telecommunications to put the expenditure, to best use;

(d) whether imports of telecom equipment are carried out by Department of Telecommunications only for the entire Government sactor; and

(e) if not, what has been the value of imports by each of the above departments and ministries in each of the three years since 1982-83?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) to (e) The above information is being collected from the Te~ lated Departments and will be laid on the Table^of the House when received.

Moratorium on Bank of Cochin

2690. SHRI K. GOPALAN: SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when did Government declare moratorium on Bank of Cochin 'and what was its liability an'd assets at that time;

(b) the number of employees and officers wer e there on its roll and among them how many were absorbed by the State Bank of India;

(c) against how many employees dis ciplinary proceedings were initiated and whether the amalgamation with. State Bank of India has been completed and if not, by when it is likely to be completed; and

('d) Whether staff fixation of the absorb- > ed staff of Bank of Cochin in State Bank of India has been completed and if not, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) An order of moratorium on-the Bank of Cochin Ltd., Cochin was issued by the Government with effect from the close of business on 27-4-1985. As on the date of moratori-um] the assets and liabilities of the Bank of Cochin Ltd. aggregated to Rs. 118. 46 crores.

. (b) The. total number of employees and officers on the roll of the Bank of Cochin Ltd. as on 27-4-1985 were as under:

Workmen staff (including pf rt-time sweepers)	—1217
Officers	—326

All workmen staff and officers of the Bank of Cochin Ltd., other than 21 officers specified in the "Schedule" annexed to the scheme of amalgamation of Bank of Cochin Ltd. with State /Bank of India, were absorbed in the service of the State Bank of India.

(c) and (d) According to State Bank of India, the Bank of Cochin Ltd. had initiated disciplinary proceedings against 3 officers and 18 workmen staff prior to